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For: CHATTER RESISTANT SHUTTLE VALVE

DECISION *SUA SPONTE* VACATING  
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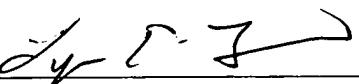
This is a decision, *sua sponte*, vacating the non-final Office action mailed December 30, 2003 in the above-identified application.

A non-final Office action was mailed on December 20, 2003, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for filing a reply thereto. The Office action is not intended for the instant application and was issued in error.

Although no petition or request has been filed, the Office action is hereby vacated. No reply from the applicant is necessary at this time. Inconvenience to the applicant is regretted.

The application file is being returned to the examiner of record where it awaits examination in its turn.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Lynn D. Feild, Supervisory Patent Examiner, at (571) 272-2092.

  
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